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Bi-Weekly Report

July 9th was my first day at the Executive Office of the Mayor's Community Relations and Services. I first was greeted by a worker next door in the Office of Clean D.C, because where I was suppose to report, no one was present. She asked me if I could wait for a worker in the office I were reporting to because she stepped out but was there. After waiting, I was then greeted by Ms. Tammy Thomas. That day with Ms. Thomas went quite well, doing some research on my career and studying the field of work. I then met Mr. Marcus Allen who is an administrative assistant for the Mayors Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS). We sat in a meeting to talk about some of the things that we'll be doing working in this office.

Monday, July 13th was my second day at the MOCRS office some of the things that I did during that week was quite interesting being out of the building and into the field. One of those days two other interns, Crystal and Aja and I went out in the field with Mr. Emmanuel Bellegarde, one of the MOCRS for Ward 7, to a press conference with Mayor Adrian Fenty and Chancellor Michelle Rhee at Drew Elementary School with the release of the test that elementary, middle and 10th grade students take every year, called the District of Columbia Comprehensive Assessment System (DCCAS). The press conference brought many reporters, teachers and parents out to support the children in DCPS and encourage them to do their best on the test every year.

Later that week on July 15th, I went out in the field with two other interns, Dontae and Aja and the MOCRS for Ward 6, Mr. Forest Hayes and Chris Taylor to a fix-it on the 1300 Blk. of

G. St. S.E. We watched along the side and took picture and wrote notes while Department of Public Works, DPW and Department of Transportation, DDOT worked to clean and cut down trees in this vacant lot that was filled with trash. In the alley across from that site was also a garage that was used for prostitution and was filled with trash and mattresses. The garage was boarded up but then became another issue because the plight of the filth that was behind the boards was never cleaned out. We then went around the corner to an apartment complex's playground that was being remodeled. The playground was really nice and up to par with an added skateboard park, little kids playground, older kids playground and a nice full basketball court. We walked around in shadowed Mr. Hayes and Mr. Taylor as they observed the new work that was taking place by a company full of workers. They said that the project didn't take any more than 6 weeks including the rain dates to build which is a very good accomplishment.

Friday, July 17th was the last day of the week and the hottest. On that we went back to the fix-its in Ward 6 with Mr. Hayes and Mr. Taylor. We prepared for the ribbon cutting for the new playground with Mayor Adrian Fenty and the residents of the Harrison Complex. The ribbon cutting started at 2pm and lasted for about 2 hours. After the ribbon was cut we watched Mayor Adrian Fenty as he observed the work done for the kids in the area. Mayor Adrian Fenty's last trip in the area was on the front side of the apartment complex where a park was being developed by some of the Mayor's Conservation Corp summer workers. After receiving some complaints from residents in the area about the area's apartment complex needs more security and the killings in their hallways, Mayor Adrian Fenty left.